

# TIPTON COUNTY

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Dear Mr. Stephens:

The purpose of this correspondence is to specify the local control measures that Tipton County Government is taking to improve air quality.

- We are organizing an Ozone Alert Program that would encourage motorists to drive 55 mph during peak ozone seasons
- Tipton County has applied and been approved for a Transportation Enhancement Grant to encourage bike riding, walking, the construction of bike racks, greenways etc.
- Tipton County is adopting open burning restrictions during peak ozone periods. These regulations would become part of the county's planning and zoning regulations with the full force of law behind it
- Tipton County has completely reworked its website and is working to include information regarding air quality issues and air quality education. This website would include links to various agencies that deal with air quality
- Tipton County will work with other county officials and state officials to determine the best method of encouraging car pooling and ride sharing incentives

These are the specific actions that this county is taking to improve air quality. Some of these steps require local law changes that will take about three months to complete. Other actions have already begun such as: construction of our new website and the transportation grant. I am open to any additional suggestions that your department might have regarding our air quality issues. If there is any further information that you require, don't hesitate to contact me at 901-476-0200.

Respectfully submitted, I am

Jeff Huffman  
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